The Founder Fire

News and Views of the Founder Fellowship

THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION, 3713 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo.

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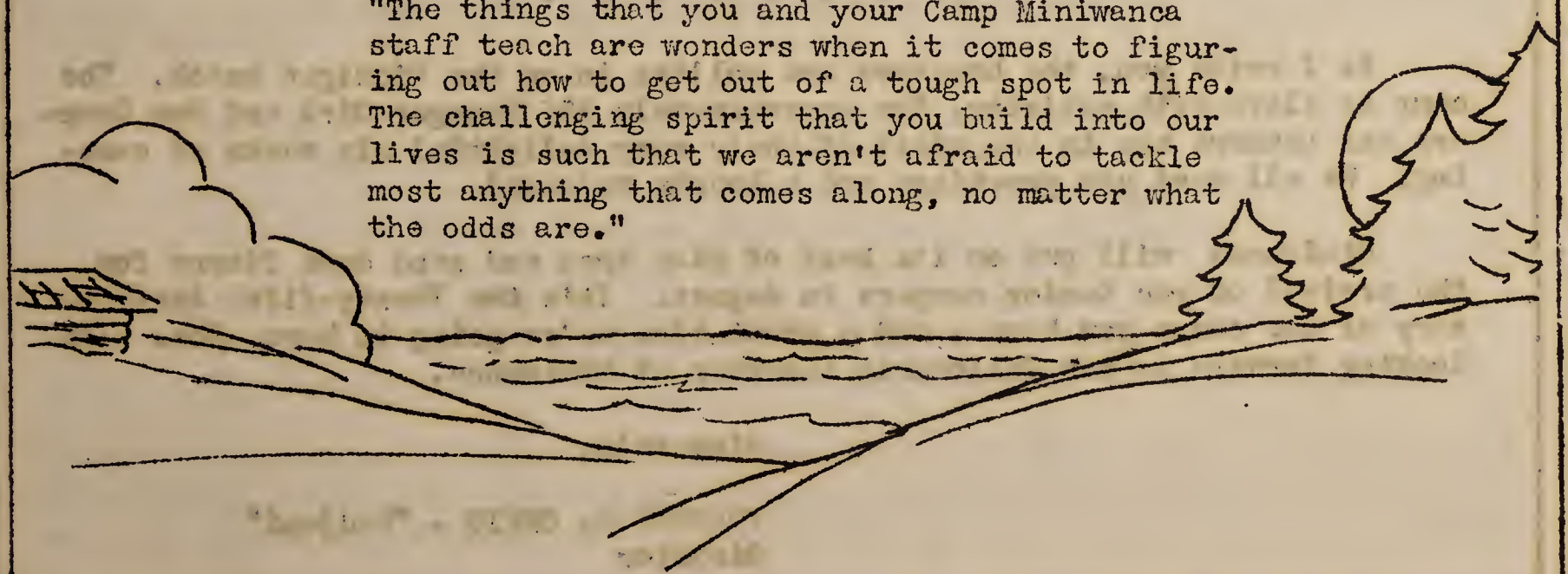
DEAR FOUNDER CAMPER:

Greetings to you from the sand dunes of Miniwanca! You old timers know what I mean when I say it's as glorious here as ever. Last night we witnessed one of those matchless Miniwanca sunsets ... a cerise ball of fire in purplish clouds, and oh, the reflections on the waters of good old Lake Michigan!

You who are new in our Founder family have great things in store ... not just sunsets, and beautiful trails and nights of refreshing sleep out under the canvas, but challenge and adventure and purposeful living and "balance" according to the Jesus Way. Somehow, I feel sure you're going to be gripped by the simple principles of abundant living for which we stand at Miniwanca.

Here's what one Miniwanca fellow says about it:

> "The things that you and your Camp Miniwanca staff teach are wonders when it comes to figuring out how to get out of a tough spot in life. The challenging spirit that you build into our lives is such that we aren't afraid to tackle most anything that comes along, no matter what the odds are."



And now for some business. Please give the enclosures your very careful attention:

a. Travel instructions. I suggest you carry this information with you on your trip to camp.

b. List of suggested articles to bring, mail or express to camp.

c. And very important - an INFORMATION SHEET AND A VOCATIONAL BLANK which you are required to fill out and MAIL AT ONCE. ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE MADE FROM THESE BLANKS ONLY. The camps are filled. More applicants are clamoring to get in. Registered campers whose Pre-Camp Information Blanks are not received by July 20 for the Girls' Camp and August 1 for the Boys' Camp, will have to take their places on the waiting list.

Mail your blanks at once. Then your place in camp will be assured.

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As I write you, the breakers are rolling in on the Michigan beach. The camp is alive with activity, for approximately 325 Younger Girl and Boy Campers and Leaders are in the midst of their very delightful six weeks of camping. We all send you greetings and a hearty welcome!

Miniwanca will put on its best of pine tree and sand dune finery for the arrival of you Senior campers in August. It's the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the camps you know - and a great time we're going to have, too. I'm looking forward to our fellowship together at Miniwanca.

Sincerely,

PRESTON G. ORWIG - "Wadjepi"
Director

..... CHAT SHEET .....

Phil Latta (Dunes '30) is practicing medicine in DuQuoin, Illinois. He and his brothers, Don (Conifers '29) and Bill (Topaakis) sent their sister Mary to Younger Girls' Camp this summer. Talk about a Founder family!

Mr. and Mrs. Danforth took a Mediterranean cruise in April. Imagine their surprise to be met at the dock at Dubrovnik by Merrill Knapp, a Founder Fellow. Merril, a Cornell graduate, is now an agricultural instructor for the government of Albania which is just south of Yugo-Slavia.

A new Founder - Barbara Ellen, born March 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Clare E. Monroe of Brooklyn, Michigan. We'd like to register Barbara for 1950 Y.G!

Wm. Barnett Blakemore (Angedas '37) student at Chicago Theological Seminary, has been awarded a Traveling Fellowship. He sails August 11 to study abroad for a year. He will attend a French University for several months. Bravo, Barney!

John Raach sailed last week to study in London at the British Museum and Lambeth Palace. He and Barney hope to see each other there during the coming year.

Many of our Founders have been graduating from colleges and universities with honors this June. A few records have come to our attention: Fredericka and Elizabeth Preston, Drury College, Magna Cum Laude, and Departmental Honors in Art. Marian Palmer, Macalaster College, Cum Laude and a Poetry Award. Garrott Allen, Harvard Medical School, ranked high in his class. Parnell Kallenbach has been awarded a transfer from Missouri U. to Washington U. Medical School.

Catherine Peck (Sea Gulls '37) has finished her post-graduate course at Columbia University and will be on the personnel staff of Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, doing social and guidance work.

Kathryn Monson (Quannacut) was chosen one of the two young people to represent Iowa in the National 4-H Camp in Washington, D. C. !

Jim Orwig has been "showing them how it is done" at Lawrence College. He broke a ten year pole vault record, and won three Freshman events in the Indoor Meet.

Several of our Founders have been married this Spring, and our congratulations go to one and all:

Howard Aderhold (Grad of 1926) to Miss Jean E. Howell
James Yontz (Angeda) to Miss Jeanette Harms
Miss Harriet Walker, Leader, to Charles O. Messenger
Mildred B. Barnes (Grad of 1929) to Harry T. Egglestone
Florence Topfer (Horizons '33) to W. C. Thurman
Rev. Earl Basil Brown ('28-'36) to Miss Lorena A. Bechtold
Patricia McGary (Sea Gulls) to William C. Bellinger
Gus Gruenewald (Grad '30, former Y.B. Director) to Miss Elna Sehnert

Jeanne Houser says: "We'll have a big time at Older Girls' if you'll squeeze in your piccolo, clarinet or what have you when packing your suitcase! To complete the setting for a good peppy band bring along a stand or lyre. We'll need them."

WHAT TO TAKE TO CAMP

Wool bathing suit or trunks (2 if you have them)
Pajamas
Raincoat, cape, or poncho
Heavy sweater or jacket
Tennis shoes - low-heeled oxfords
Old pair shoes to wear on hike to swimming dock
Bathrobe
Socks or stockings
Handkerchiefs
Soap and container
Lotion, cold cream, mosquito dope
Toothbrush and container
Toothpaste
Flashlight
Fountain pen - pencils
Pocket knife
Bible
Musical instrument (if you wish)
Tennis racquet
Kodak (if desired)
Comic or other costume (if you have one)
Needle, thread, pins
Wrapping paper and twine if mailing bundles home

SPECIAL LIST FOR GIRLS

Bathing cap & shoes (red cap - if non-swimmer)
Outing shirts or blouses
Slacks, shorts, or knickers (one pair wool)
Practical underwear

SPECIAL LIST FOR BOYS

Shirts
Extra pair of old trousers or overalls
Underwear
Gym Suits

IMPORTANT - Mark your name on all your clothes and equipment.

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WHAT TO MAIL TO CAMP TWO WEEKS BEFORE STARTING ON YOUR TRIP

3 warm blankets
Change of sheets - cot size
Change of pillow slips
Bath towels - face towels - wash cloths
Sweaters or shoes that you may not want to carry

MAIL - insured Parcel Post, addressed to yourself.

CAMP MAILING ADDRESSES - c/o The American Youth Foundation,

CAMP MINIWANCA,
Shelby, Michigan

OR

CAMP MERROWVISTA,
Center Ossipee, N.H.

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1. Be sure to send mail in plenty of time to reach camp before your arrival. Wrap carefully - duffel bags, strong corrugated boxes, etc., good for mailing.
2. Films, notebooks and paper, camp stationery, camp postcards and stamps may be purchased at the camp store. If you bring your own notebook, bring ample supply of paper to fit. Sheets should be not smaller than 5" x 8".
3. Do not have candy or food mailed to you at camp. You will have plenty to eat at meal-time.

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TRAVELING INSTRUCTIONS

Older Girls' Camp opens officially with supper Monday, August 1
Older Boys' Camp opens officially with supper Monday, August 15

All campers and leaders are expected to be in camp on date of opening. Plan to arrive in Muskegon or Ludington, Michigan, on Monday morning, opening day of camp.

CAMPERS TRAVELING BY WAY OF CHICAGO

Take PERE MARQUETTE train leaving 11:30 P.M. Central Standard Time from Grand Central Station, South Wells and Harrison Streets, Chicago, to Muskegon. BE SURE TO TAKE YOUR IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE WITH YOU IF YOU WANT TO GET SPECIAL PERE MARQUETTE TRAIN RATE. (See next page for certificate)

Note very carefully the following schedule:

PARTY RATES: (Girls leaving Chicago Sunday night, July 31 - Boys, August 14)
$5.00 round trip - good in sleeper (minimum of 10 in party)
$3.00 round trip - coach only (minimum of 30 persons in party)

INDIVIDUAL RATES: (for those who miss the party)
$6.00 round trip - good in sleeper - 16-day limit

(Make your own sleeper reservation through local agent. Lower $2.00; upper $1.60)

When you arrive at the Grand Central Station:

1. REGISTER with ticket agent. (But do not buy ticket at this time)

2. State whether you want $5.00 round trip ticket (first class, entitles you to sleeper, if desired) or $3.00 round trip ticket (which means that you have to sit up all night, both coming to camp and returning to Chicago)

3. Return later to buy ticket. When TEN persons have registered for $5.00 rate, agent may begin to sell those tickets. When THIRTY have registered for the $3.00 round trip rate, agent will begin to sell those tickets.

Do not delay the actual purchase of your ticket until the last minute before train leaves at 11:30 P.M. Return ahead of time and get your ticket just as soon as the agent has enough persons registered to sell the kind you want.

Now read the above all over again. Last year a lot of girls were disturbed because they could not buy a berth on the return trip, on their $3.00 ticket. If you read the above explanations, you will avoid any misunderstanding.

Note: Those interested in traveling all night by bus from Chicago to Muskegon, inquire at your local bus terminal for schedules. Plan to arrive in Muskegon so as to connect with special chartered Greyhound Bus which leaves at 7:30 A. M. from Occidental Hotel.

MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN CAMPERS

Wisconsin-Michigan Steamship Company boat leaves Milwaukee for Muskegon 11:30 P.M. Special camper-party rate for ten or more - $3.00 round trip. Stateroom if desired $4.25. (Can be shared by four persons) You must be identified to get this special round trip rate. Be sure to present American Youth Foundation identification certificate, found below.

MICHIGAN, OHIO, INDIANA, ONTARIO, NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA CAMPERS

See your agent for best routing to Muskegon, Michigan. (Undoubtedly via Grand Rapids) Make connections so as to arrive on first morning train or bus. If you can, connect with special camp bus at Pere Marquette depot or Occidental Hotel.

Otherwise take first Greyhound bus to Shelby, Michigan and telephone camp. We will call for you. This latter is in case of emergency only.

MUSKEGON TO CAMP

Chartered Greyhound buses will meet the train in Muskegon. Special rate - including baggage - $1.25 direct to camp from Muskegon. Bus fares will be collected after arrival in camp.

CAMPERS ARRIVING AT LUDINGTON

Take Greyhound bus in Ludington to New Era. From there call camp.

***** DRIVING TO CAMP MINIWANCA *****

Head for MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN. Take U.S. 31 to New Era, turn west, follow Stony Lake and Camp Miniwanca signs 8½ miles to camp. Drive through to main unit on Lake Michigan.

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IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE

Be sure to take the following certificate with you if you want to get special camper-party rates on Pere Marquette Railway or on Wisconsin-Michigan Steamship Line. It will identify you as a member of the American Youth Foundation party.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the bearer is a member of our Camp Miniwanca organization

and therefore entitled to the party rates granted The American Youth Foundation.

P. G. ORWIG, Director
The American Youth Foundation

(IMPORTANT! PLEASE FILL THIS IN CAREFULLY FOR PERMANENT RECORD FILE)

SCHOOL AND VOCATIONAL BLANK

American Youth Foundation — Older Boys' & Girls' Camp-Conferences

Name _____
(Last Name) (First Name)

Home Address _____
(Street) (City) (State)

School will attend in Fall _____
(Name) (Location)

High School ( ) or College ( ) — check year next Fall..... ( ) Freshman ( ) Junior ( ) Sophomore ( ) Senior

Your RESIDENCE address at school _____

Business _____
(Name of Firm) (Location) (Your Position)

Church you attend _____ Denomination _____

Name of person who interested you in coming to Founder Camp _____

CHECK YEAR IN CAMP: ( ) First ( ) Second ( ) Third ( ) Fourth

Check: ( ) New Camper
( ) 2nd Year
( ) 3rd Year
( ) 4th Year

PRE-CAMP INFORMATION SHEET

The Founder Leadership Training Camps

NOTE - To insure holding the place now being reserved for you, this blank properly filled out, must be returned within ten days after receipt of same.

Name: _____
Last Name First Name

Home Address: _____
No. Street City

Summer " _____

PHYSICAL: Age_____ Height _____ Weight _____

Condition of Health: Good _____ Fair _____ Poor_____. Indicate briefly the nature of any recent illness:

Condition of Heart: Good _____ Fair _____ Poor_____. Indicate briefly if you have had any heart condition that would keep you from participating in normal physical games and play:

Estimate by check mark your skill and experience in the following sports:

Skill:	Fair	Good	Excellent
Baseball			
Volley Ball			
Ping Pong			
Swimming			
Track			

Experience:	Much	Little

Indicate on what organized teams you have played, such as baseball, basketball, etc.: _____

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MENTAL: How much schooling have you had? _____

If in business, indicate whether you are now pursuing any special studies:

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Name 3 magazines you read regularly_____

Name 3 books you have read in the past 6 months: _____

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SOCIAL: To what school, church, social service, civic or social organization have you belonged during the past year, and state what offices you have held:

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RELIGIOUS: What is your Denomination?_____. Are you a church member?_____. Do you attend church regularly?_____ Why do you believe in the church?_____

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WHY do you want to attend the Founder Camps_____

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The American Youth Foundation

Shelby, Michigan

- CAMPS OF THE FOUR-FOLD LIFE -

CAMP MERROWVISTA ... Center Ossipee, N. H.

- on Danhole Lake ..... in the Ossipee Mountains of New Hampshire.

CAMP MINIWANCA ..... Shelby, Michigan

- on Stony Lake, Lake Michigan and Stony Creek ..... in the wooded sand dunes of Michigan.